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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 0142

FOR CODEL FASCELL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OREP EC

SUBJECT: CODEL FASCELL SCHEDULE

REF: QUITO 75

1. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER AND MINISTER NATURAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE CODEL ONLY AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY, JAN 9, FOLLOWING SCHEDULE CHANGES ARE MADE OR SUGGESTED AS STATED:

A. JAN 9, 4:30 P.M.: CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER.

5:30 P.M.: CALL ON MINISTER NATURAL RESOURCES

B. EVENING, JAN 9: LEFT FREE BECAUSE OF HEAVY SCHEDULE EARLIER IN DAY.

C. AFTERNOON, JAN 10: SUGGEST ONE OR MORE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

(1) VISIT TO ONE OR MORE LOCAL AID PROJECTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN RELATION TO TITLE IX OR TITLE X. CAN BE ARRANGED AFTER ARRIVAL.

(2) ON SHORT NOTICE EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE ROUNDTABLE ON PETROLEUM AFFAIRS WITH LOCAL OIL COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES.

(3) ADDITIONAL SIGHTSEEING IN AND AROUND QUITO.

2. THERE LIKELY TO BE PRESS AT AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL CONGRESSMAN FASCELL. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT SUGGEST ANY FORMAL AIRPORT STATEMENT, CONGRESSMAN FASCELL MAY WISH
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TO RESPOND TO A FEW QUESTIONS FROM PRESS. WE SUGGEST

THAT CODEL INTEREST IN ENERGY MATTERS BE MENTIONED ONLY AS PART OF CODEL'S BROADER INTEREST IN VISITING ECUADOR (IN EARLIER PRESS RELEASE ON CODEL VISIT, THE PLANNED VISIT TO LAGO AGRIO WAS MENTIONED BUT ONLY IN BORADER CONTEXT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH ECUADOREAN AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS). REASON FOR THIS CAUTION IS TO AVOID PLAYING PUBLICLY INTO HANDS OF GROWING NUMBERS OF ECUADOREANS WHO FEEL THEIR PETROLEUM POTENTIAL GIVES THEM TREMENDOUS LEVERAGE VIS-A-VIS U.S.

3. AS GUIDANCE, REFER TO QUITO'S 108 REPEATED TO LIMA ON SUBJECT FRONT PAGE PRESS REPORT FOREIGN MINISTER'S FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON WAIVER PROVISION FISHERMAN'S PROTECTIVE ACT WHICH WOULD DEDUCT FROM AID TO ECUADOR AMOUNT OF FINES IMPOSED ON U.S. FISHING VESSELS AS WELL AS ELIMINATION VAN DEERLIN AMENDMENT FROM FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT.
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